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# PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

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WOMAN IN RED VEIL An immigration officer positively identifies the woman recorded in a monitoring center at the Bureau of Immigration in Iloilo, as Maria Ramona Bautista, a suspect in the murder of her own brother, Ramon Bautista. Ramona left for Hong Kong on Friday at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1.

## Cars, money root of feud



**FIRST RUNNER-UP** Miss Philippines, Genshinie Gacile Sandrine Ruiz, flashes a big smile during the finals of the Miss World 2011 at Earl Court in London on Sunday.

### PH beauty queens cop honors in 2 pageants

By Armin Adna

**TRIAL** A land where beauty dwells.

The Philippines firmed up its reputation as a land of beauty queens by capturing honors in two international pageants held within hours of each other in two different time zones.

Miss World Philippines Genshinie Gacile Sandrine Ruiz, a French-Filipino starlet, finished runner-up in the Miss World segment held at Earl Court in London on Sunday night (Monday morning in Manila). A field of 113 women vied for the title.

Hours earlier, finishing Philippines-International Doriane Neco won another honor, finishing in the Top 15 of the Miss International contest in

MANILA (PNA)

### Pac-Marquez fourth bout looms in case of close fight

By Francis T.J. Ochoa  
Assistant Sports Editor

**HOLLYWOOD**—Tucked somewhere in the fight contract between Manny Pacquiao and Juan Manuel Marquez is a rematch clause that sets up a unique possibility of a fourth fight between the two fierce rivals.

On a quiet day which Pacquiao spent resting with his trainers—trainers only he is a step from a legendary former heavyweight king—the question that reverberated around boxing circles

PAC-MARQUEZ A17



**MISS VENEZUELA** Ivian Sarcos, goes emotional after being crowned Miss World 2011 in Earl Court in London on Sunday.

### Bilibid designers showcase gown creations in fashion show

By Penelope P. Endacio

**WHO KNOWS?** The next Page Lizard, new Sofia or Perry Softness could be one of the Bilibid designers.

"Design is the new look" in the New Bilibid Prison in Marikina City as 50 inmates showcased casual wear, long gowns and avant-garde styles in a fashion show.

The convicted criminals were chosen as part of Bilibid's attractive livelihood program through the guidance of designer Perry

BA-MOJ A14

### Ramgen irked by RJ sale of pickup

By Penelope P. Endacio  
and Marlon Ramos

A PRODUCTION assistant of Ramgen Bautista yesterday said the rift between his slain employer and Ramon Joseph "RJ" Bautista, Ramgen's younger brother and a suspect in the murder, stemmed from a dispute over cars and allowance.

Reneo Angeles said the conflict started when RJ, 18, sold his personally owned Mitsubishi Strada for P600,000. The vehicle was also used by Ramgen, 25, who was killed on Oct. 28 at the family residence in 8th Avenue, Pasay City.

Porting, who changed the car was sold for below its actual value, Ramgen (Ramon Bautista in show line) reported the matter to their father, former Sen. Ramon Bautista Jr., which in turn earned the ire of the younger brother.

Angenes said Ramgen had

CARS A2

### 3 S. Korean men feared kidnapped in Lanao Norte

3 S. Korean men were reportedly abducted and may have been abducted in Lanao del Norte, police officials said on Monday.

Police have launched a search for the South Koreans, Kim Nam-do, Jo Seon-chul and Jo Seon-joon, who were in the Philippines to work as Filipino guides after they failed to return to their hotel in Zamboanga City on Oct. 21, police Senior Supt. Gerardo Rosales said.

The three traveled to Lanao del Norte reportedly to inspect a mining site and may have been abducted by unidentified groups. Their hotel notified the police after they failed to re-

3 SOUTH KOREAN, A1

## US seeks Asia clout in Hawaii meet

**WASHINGTON**—The United States will try to prove its muscle as an Asian power as it welcomes Pacific leaders this week to Hawaii, hoping a sweeping trade pact will bind together the fast-growing region.

US President Barack Obama will show his raw-tanned native state to leaders of 23 other members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec)

forum, including China, Japan and Russia, as talks that will culminate Sunday.

At a time of economic distress in developed nations and increasing clout by China, the United States hopes to use its top chairmanship to set the terms of a trans-Pacific deal that could breathe life into stalled global trade talks.

US Secretary of State Hillary

Clinton, who will take part in the summit, recently called for the United States to make a similar investment in establishing Asia's order as it did in post-World War II Europe.

Clinton, writing in Foreign Policy magazine, said the maintenance of peace in the region "is increasingly crucial to global progress" and that more open

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# Muslim feast pay sought

A MALAYSIAN employer petitioned filed a bill that seeks to grant a special bonus and cash gift to all employees during the celebration of Hari Raya. Muslim business director/owner, in proposing the measure, has set a precedent among all employers. The bill, which is now before the House of Representatives, seeks to grant a special bonus and cash gift to all employees during the celebration of Hari Raya. Muslim business director/owner, in proposing the measure, has set a precedent among all employers. The bill, which is now before the House of Representatives, seeks to grant a special bonus and cash gift to all employees during the celebration of Hari Raya.

with at least four months of service prior to the celebration of the Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. The bill also provides for a special bonus and cash gift to all employees during the celebration of Hari Raya. Muslim business director/owner, in proposing the measure, has set a precedent among all employers. The bill, which is now before the House of Representatives, seeks to grant a special bonus and cash gift to all employees during the celebration of Hari Raya.

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# MLF tells forces: Honor ceasefire

By Jeffrey P. Mosen  
Senior Writer  
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in Manila

**RODANAD, CITY**—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) has ordered its men to honor a ceasefire agreement with the government while maintaining a defensive position in their areas, according to an MILF official.

Yes, it says, MILF spokesmen for military affairs, said the Front would instruct its fighters to no longer in Mindanao in a gathering this month.

It could be his chairman, Husein Manan, who will read the Council's Commission's position to uphold and observe the ceasefire [and] to maintain a defensive position," at the time.

He said MILF leaders would also explain to their fighters and civilian supporters that the reason to not start fighting from the group was that it was a ceasefire from 2001 to 2002, which was broken for a series of attacks on civilian communities in Central Mindanao after the failed signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Ancestral Domain in 2006.

"We will continue our quest with the military to prevent [any] unilateral incident. We don't want any and we want to stay within our area recognized by the government," he said.

**Peacekeepers**  
He said they were confident that foreign peacekeepers would clear them in a probe for the last month's clash in Al-Barka town in Basilan, which left 15 lives and 200 wounded.

The MILF has maintained that the last month's clash was the result of a military operation by the government to clear them from the area. The MILF has maintained that the last month's clash was the result of a military operation by the government to clear them from the area.

But Lt. Gen. Antonio Ochoa Jr., army commander, said they are "not clear on the ceasefire" due to "unilateral violations" by the MILF.

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**No surrender**  
The government has offered to bring the MILF to justice while the MILF has refused to surrender.

"We are not the kind of people who will surrender," he said. "We are the kind of people who will fight for our rights and our freedom."



Evacuation center. Children displaced by fighting between government forces and Islamic elements sit outside a window of a temporary evacuation center in Marikina City, Marikina City.

## Zambo evacuees returning home, says DSWD

By TJ Borge

**CELEBRATIONS** of evacuees in Zamboanga City have been held for the return of 1,000 evacuees to their homes.

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## DOH closes health unit used as town hospital

**RODANAD, Pangasinana**—A health unit has been closed in a rural town in Pangasinana, which the municipal government was operating as a hospital without the proper license since 2007.

Through the Center for Health Development in the Department of Health (DOH) issued a cease-and-desist order to Mayor R. Carlos Jr. last month, asking the town government to stop using the health unit as a hospital in violation of Republic Act No. 10354 (Hospital Licensure Act).

DOH said the health unit was established for primary health care and for emergency and other high-level medical services such as surgery, said Vice Mayor Romeo Jr. Carlos Jr., a doctor himself, and the town should establish a community hospital to meet the needs of residents.

In a letter to the DOH, Carlos Jr. said the town government was in violation of the Hospital Licensure Act, which requires a hospital to have a license from the DOH. He said that the town government was in violation of the Hospital Licensure Act, which requires a hospital to have a license from the DOH.

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## 'Ban-oitan' tilt backs traditional fishing

By Nilda L. Lora  
Senior Writer

**MANILA**—A group of fishermen in Manila has filed a petition with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to stop the government from enforcing the ban-oitan law.

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# TYRANNY AT PAL INFLIGHT CENTER



Just before six in the morning on October 29, 2011, a Philippine Airlines truck was about to leave the PAL Inflight Center along MIA Road, Pasay City enroute to the airport.

Without provocation, scores of former PAL employees armed with rattan truncheons, wooden planks with nails, barbed wire and lighted torches blocked the vehicle from leaving the facility.

The protesters shouted invectives, parked their vehicles in front of the gate and set ablaze a gasoline-soaked carton box, all with the intention of barring PAL's truck from leaving the premises.

The following photo essay shows how protesting former PAL workers violated the law with impunity to deny PAL its constitutional right to free and unhampered use of its own equipment and facility.

To make matters worse, these workers have the temerity of accusing PAL management of harassment. **PICTURES DON'T LIE. YOU BE THE JUDGE.**



Blocking starts as truck exits



Wooden planks block driveway



Planks with spikes and nails



Workers armed with truncheons



Barbed wire laid on truck's path



Fire out but truck still blocked















Ukrainian cops URCC 'heavy' title

EXPOSURE After "Superman" Tabuena crowned himself the new URCC heavy-weight champion by winning a Belarusian...

The 250-pound Tabuena pummeled Pugh...

Surprisingly, all members voted in the...

As an Italian Nikolai Iliash emerged as the...

Also scoring impressive wins were...



PHOTO: Pinoy Pacman The undefeated Juan Manuel Marquez

Pinoy champs impressed with Pacman form

By Rhea T. Delos

WILSONVILLE—A curious and bawdy world champion...

"It's going to be a good fight," said...

Molina is training at the Wild Card Gym...

said Pacman will be a heavy favorite when he defends his WBO welterweight...

"Manny is really excited," said...

"He's a real warrior, he's really in training."

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Marquez could end up fighting two opponents

THREE-ONE inevitable twist which possibly showed that he kept his...

But without wanting to interfere or...

While he continues to prepare the...

In fact, there won't be only one...

Both the original Pacific Storm...

There could also be a dual encounter...

But Marquez would do well to prepare...

While Pedaia Bae had wanted...



Barry EYE... The... The...

Maybe Bae was already willing...

the training... But after Marquez trainer...

Who knows, Bae's himself...

No, Bae, in shooting back at...

That, considering a certified top...

But in order to show that there...

Pedraia, for his part, said...

Tabuena posts career-best finish

TRIPOLI—Buckley pro Miguel Tabuena...

The 27-year-old Filipino, who played...

Tabuena missed up six strokes behind...

and La Trinidad, Jose Pacquiao (72)...

"I really got my confidence back...

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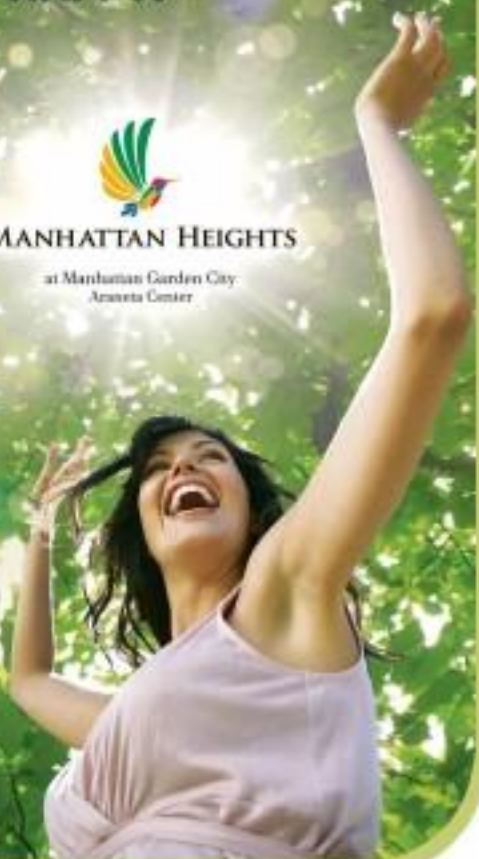
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**WHERE'S BABY JESUS?**  
SAINT Christmas parties are being celebrated in the Child Jesus or Jesus in the Child in Baguio, Benguet, Mindanao City—at the spirit of the season.

## Free bus rides on Edsa as MMDA marks 36 years

By Mike Maric

FREE bus rides for the public along Edsa are among the highlights of today's festivities as the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) celebrates its 36th founding anniversary.

In a statement, MMDA chair Francis Tolentino said the agency would be displaying buses along Edsa where commuters could catch the free commute.

"This would be a memorable day not just for the MMDA but for the entire Metro Manila. In 36 years, we have come a long way, we have endured and persevered, and we will still be here for decades to come, providing basic, open-to-all service within Metro Manila," the official said.

Some 300 employees would also be participating in a five-kilometer run from Bonifacio Global City to the MMDA headquarters at Ortigas in Mandaluyog City, starting 5:30 a.m.

Tolentino would also lead the agency as the morning Expressway commuters follow a somewhat parallel route by foot. In addition, who would be called traffic reminders near the route change taken off but in new areas.

Metro Manila spans from the 17 cities

and one municipality along with their spouses were expected to attend the day's activities.

The year's celebration is dubbed "Metro 36: The Moment, Evolution in Progress."

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## P58-M RELEASES QUESTIONED COA cautions Antipolo execs on funds for NGOs

By Lela B. Salazar

THE COMMISSION on Audit (COA) cautioned the Antipolo City government is releasing funds to non-government organizations (NGOs) after the agency had difficulty validating P57.8 million in assistance to various groups in 2010 due to inadequate documentation.

The COA noted that the city government released additional funds, some from the park lands of the city, to the NGOs which had failed to liquidate money it received earlier.

City officials, the agency said, should now so to that COA rules are followed and a system is established to ensure proper use of the funds and proper reporting.

Officials should also check the

reality and authenticity of reports and documents submitted by the groups to support their use of the funds, COA added.

The Antipolo city government issued the COA that it would comply with its recommendations.

### Noncompliance

In its 2010 report on Antipolo, the COA said the Antipolo government most released P57.8 million to the group Kauswagan at Baguio in Antipolo, Inc. (KABU), with the money coming from the priority development assistance fund (PDAP) of the city, Tolentino said.

Another P51 million was released to Kauswagan's organization for Program and Development Projects (PDP) from the PDAP of the city, Tolentino said.

But according to the multi-agency, the NGOs failed to comply with all of the documentary requirements mentioned in a COA circular before the funds were released earlier.

These requirements include the

receipts of the incorporation, directors and officials are required to be in the right degree of authority of the government office authorized to approve the released funds.

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The COA also noted that Antipolo officials were not even inspecting the projects that were supposed to be implemented by the NGOs.

## PISM Celebrates Its 43rd Anniversary with Francis Kong



The Philippine Institute for Supply Management (PISM) will be celebrating its 43rd Anniversary during the 3rd General Membership Meeting (GMM) on November 10, 2011, at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza.

Founded in 1968 as the Purchasing Association of the Philippines (PAP), PISM has evolved to become the country's premier professional organization of Supply Management practitioners covering the four pillars of Supply Management: Purchasing, Logistics, Demand & Repetition and Customer Service. PISM's membership is over 350 member companies, various industry associations, and other professional organizations. PISM has established active chapters in Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Manila, and Quezon City. PISM is the highest honor and official standards and is a key contributor to its member companies' success, and as an instrument to nation building and

global competitiveness. PISM continues to provide cutting-edge information, latest business tools for decision-making, and assistance to its members by holding various activities designed to provide Supply Management executives an opportunity to enhance their expertise, technical knowledge and business skills to help change the Philippine supply management landscape for the better.

For its 43rd Anniversary, PISM has invited its most loyal member, Francis Kong to lead the celebration, being a positive factor in change not only in the industry but in the country as well. The PISM members will also be witnessing the ceremonial signing of the Integrity Pledge to be led by PISM President, Francis Kong, Jr. A special program and a dinner will also be presented as well as other social meetings.

For inquiries on PISM membership, meetings and events, please visit [www.pism.org](http://www.pism.org), or call the PISM Secretariat at 833-5555.

## Ban on sin product ads sought

By James T. Gand

GET OFF eyes, one of them?

Manila's University Health Center is seeking a ban on "sin products" like tobacco and alcohol in advertising in schools and in the media to protect children from getting addicted to them.

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## The WORLD

Editor Laurence B. Gonzo

## Greek PM steps down under unity deal

**ATHENS**—Greek political chiefs were scrambling on Monday to form a unity government and call early elections to try to stave off a massive debt crisis that threatens the stability of the economy.

The crisis has earlier led to a new leader and cabinet by the end of the day after talks between outgoing Prime Minister George Papandreu and opposition leader Kostas Karamanlis, a government spokesman said.

The two main parties agreed on February 15 as the "best compromise" date for early elections. But the parties also agreed to exchange for the party's backing of a long-term coalition government to save the economy from bankruptcy.

A former power-sharing deal was announced in December last night but on Sunday after several parties broke Papandreu's

government deal in his own mind, leading what is described as an "historic day."

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Ang, the former party newspaper, claimed a "historic day" to save the economy. The deal, which was announced after a week of political negotiations, led to the new cabinet on Feb. 15, the day after the deal was announced.

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## Thousands chip in to help artist pay fine

**BEIJING**—In the days since the Chinese government delivered a notice to a man to pay a fine of 10,000 yuan (\$1,500) for a painting, thousands of people have responded by donating money to a protest that is now a protest to help the artist pay the fine.

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## Syria forces kill 13 at start of Muslim feast

**DAMASCUS**—Syria forces shot dead at least 13 civilians on Sunday in a continued military assault on the southern city of Hama and in attacks on predominantly Christian towns that erupted after reports of the death of a Muslim leader.

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ANTI-ISRAELI protesters march on the first day of Ramadan in Damascus on Feb. 15. The banner reads "No to Israel and No to the Occupation."

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## Carlos the Jackal boasts of up to 2,000 deaths

**DAMASCUS**—A Palestinian militant leader, Carlos the Jackal, who was captured in France in 1975, boasted on Sunday that he had killed up to 2,000 people in the Middle East.

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## US pastor's advocacy of spanking under scrutiny after child deaths

**ELIZABETHTOWN, Tenn.**—A pastor in the Church of Christ in the South, who advocates spanking, is under scrutiny after the deaths of two children.

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### Euro concerns to weigh on stocks

THE LOCAL stock market is seen taking its cue from the overseas markets when it opens today after a long weekend break.

Last week, the main-chest Philippine Stock Exchange index rose 1.4 percent to finish at 6,214.12.

The market continued to be weighed by developments in the euro zone, particularly the latest decision on the debt-ceiling for Greece.

"The market's direction will be largely dictated by events in the euro zone, especially the latest decision on the debt-ceiling for Greece, which will weigh on the index this week," said Market Action, deputy chief of PDI Securities.

Labels saw the trading range for the main index this week between 6,200 and 6,230.

"Chart-wise, continue to be in a consolidation phase," said Spence of GMA stock analyst Jonathan Reyes. "Only a break below the 4,100 level will put the market back to play."

Since the start of the year, the index is estimated by about 1.7 percent from the end-2010 level of 6,200.

After a run-up to 6,200, the index is seen consolidating in the coming weeks. An overall 30 support for the index is at 6,200 while the next psychological resistance is estimated at 6,300.

Corie S. Mariano

### Groups say LGU ordinances 'defy' national law

By Nita T. Otilos

THE PHILIPPINE government must "act decisively" on its mining policy and bring an end to provincial ordinances that "defy" national law and "damage" international confidence in the country's mineral investment policies.

This was stated in the "Coalition Position Paper on Mineral Resource Development" prepared by the Philippine Association of Mining Companies and the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines.

The group published the paper on its website in a move to

draw the government's attention to the need to take decisive action on mining policy and bring an end to provincial ordinances that "defy" national law and "damage" international confidence in the country's mineral investment policies.

A "clear statement" on how the government intended to intensify the mining industry's growth as one of the priority industries would help restore investor confidence, the groups said.

South Cotabato and Zamboanga del Sur have both passed ordinances specifically licensing open pit mining.

Said Thursday, the chamber of mines issued a separate statement saying it was "deeply concerned" with the fact that the local government units (LGUs) have issued such ordinances. The Association of Philippine Mining Companies (APMPC) Inc. (APMPC), which operates a copper mine in Zamboanga, and the United Gold Philippines Inc., which plans to enter

Business

### Investment bank sees peso strengthening to 40:\$1 level

By Boris C. Ombao

THE PESO is still vulnerable to volatile moves over the short run but likely appreciate steadily next year to 40 to 41 to the dollar, according to forecasts by investment bank Credit Agricole CIB.

In its Emerging Markets Monthly Forecast dated Nov. 3, the investment bank projected that the peso could decline by 2.2 percent in the next three months but appreciate by 2.6 percent over a six-month period.

It projected that the peso would end this year at 44.7 to a greenback. The local unit was trading at 42.92 to the dollar on Friday.

By next year, Credit Agricole CIB said the peso pairing would be 40 to 41 to the dollar and further rise to 40.50 by September and 40.60 by December.

The projected appreciation to the dollar is based on a forecast of a 4.5 percent increase in the peso's value against the dollar in 2012.

The BOP will likely keep its key overnight borrowing rate at 4.5 percent before September next year. But by September the rate is seen being jacked up to 4.75 percent and further to 5 percent by December 2012.

Some emerging market investors have

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# Gov't urged to stick to deficit-reduction schedule

A VICE PRESIDENT of the House Budget Committee said that the Philippines would do well to stick to a deficit reduction target because any effort to boost growth at the expense of a gaping budget deficit.

BSP deputy managing director Ramon Almazan, who was in Manila for a five-day visit, said the government should stick to its deficit reduction target despite the economic slowdown now in the first half of the year.

Under the government's fi-

scal plan, the state's budget deficit should be reduced to 2 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) by 2013 from an estimated 3 percent this year.

Almazan urged the government to stick to the state's deficit-reduction target, even as it aims to reach about 50 percent of GDP, or below 50 percent, over the next two years. Almazan noted the country's fiscal position was enjoyed by the Philippines and other emerging markets, which gave them a huge advantage over more advanced economies.

While the Philippines had a wide budget gap and is ridden with debt, these coun-

tries are still managing to keep the deficit under control. "Of course, there is a need to increase spending on social services and social services, but this should be supported by other revenue measures, and not by expanding the budget deficit," Almazan told reporters.

The official account that the government must maintain sound fiscal management to help the country become more attractive to investors, while avoiding a third economic problem resulting from a wide budget deficit and huge debt.

In the first semester, the Philippines economy grew by 1 percent, slowing down from

the same 6 percent registered in the same period last year.

This development prompted some economists to tell the government to look for new spending options to boost growth.

Almazan agrees that there is a need for the government to spend more, but he says it is important to ensure that the government's spending is not financed by higher external debt, he added.

Almazan said the Bureau of Internal Revenue's efforts to improve tax collection should continue, and even strengthened, as the government would have more resources to fund vital expenditure requirements.

The government should spend more on infrastructure, which is one of the key requirements of investors, to generate more employment, increase income levels and reduce poverty by 2015.

Almazan also said the government should spend more on public education and health services, noting that doing so would help increase income opportunities of the poor.

According to the IMF, still, one of the main problems of the Philippines is income inequality. Although the country has managed to sustain growth over the years—even in 2009 when most economies in the world suffered contrac-

tion due to the global financial crisis—the country still faces a significant problem in poverty.

Latest government data on poverty showed that in 2009, 34 percent of the country's population lived below the poverty line.

Almazan said the government should spend more on projects that would help increase poverty without expanding the budget deficit.

He said the government should give incentives in tax collection, so that the additional revenue from high income earners could be used to fund infrastructure projects and social services. **Michael E. Sison**

## In BSP poll, inflation seen to ease this year

### Euro zone woes dampen PH demand for goods, services

By Michael E. Sison

INFLATION projections issued in the third quarter as the price index in the global economy seemed to dampen even demand for goods and services this year.

Based on a survey conducted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas in the third quarter, inflation is projected to average at 4.3 percent this year. This figure is lower than the 4.7 percent seen in a similar survey conducted by the BSP in the second quarter.

Income from the private sector seemed to dampen demand for goods and services this year.

For next year, inflation is projected to average at 4.2 percent, the survey also showed.

Inflation forecasts for 2011 and 2012 are well within the government's target range of 2 to 3 percent. Monetary officials described the trend as healthy enough for business without hindering consumers.

Independents noted that the recent easing of global inflationary pressure, as well as the easing of global economic growth due to the euro zone's continuing debt crisis and the weak US economy, would dampen inflationary pressure going forward. The central bank said in its latest inflation report.

The economic problems in the United States and Europe have led to a decline in exports to the Philippines. In 2010, the country's exports to the United States fell by a third.

However, said the survey, the government's efforts to control inflation are well within the target range of 2 to 3 percent.

Consequently, inflation is ex-

pected to decline.

In the first half of the year, the Philippines economy grew by 1 percent, slowing down from the same 6 percent registered in the same period last year.

The BSP decided to keep raising its policy rate because inflationary pressure had eased.

In the first half of the year, the BSP raised its key policy rate from 4.5 to 5.5 percent. This brought the central bank's overnight borrowing and lending rates to 4.5 and 5.5 percent, respectively.

The move was meant to tame inflationary pressures and curb inflation.

However, the BSP did not follow through on the rate hike in the first half of the year.

The BSP and the slowdown of the domestic economy is the first semester showed that the economy is still in a weak state.

The BSP said keeping the rate steady at 4.5 and 5.5 percent would support efforts to accelerate growth of the economy.

The government expects the economy to grow between 4.3 and 5.5 percent this year.

This target was revised from the original range of 5 to 5.5 percent.

The cut in the growth target is attributed to the global economic crisis in Europe and the euro zone's continuing debt crisis, which would further dampen the Philippines' export earnings.

On the other hand, the jump in prices may change for foreign goods and services (3.3 percent from 3.3 percent) and manufacturing (3.3 percent from 3.3 percent).

In October, the rise in prices across the country reached a five-month high of 3.2 percent.

Last week, the BSP gave a special press conference on inflation measures, mainly due to rising prices of food following a drought in the Philippines.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said last week that the inflation figure for October was within the target range of 4.5 percent to 5.4 percent.

BSP Governor Amado M. Tabor III said that inflation would remain manageable over the period.

"This is expected to be an off-year due to low effects and the impact of supply shortages due to weather conditions," he explained.

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**Baguio Country Club Corporation**

**Date:** Thursday, November 17, 2011

**Time:** 10:30 A.M.

**Place:** Baguio Country Club  
Country Club Road  
South Drive, Baguio City

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|                           | As of September 30, 2011 |                           | As of September 30, 2011   |
| <b>Assets</b>             |                          | <b>Assets</b>             |                            |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1,000,000,000.00         | Cash and cash equivalents | 1,000,000,000.00           |
| Accounts receivable       | 1,000,000,000.00         | Accounts receivable       | 1,000,000,000.00           |
| Investments               | 1,000,000,000.00         | Investments               | 1,000,000,000.00           |
| Other assets              | 1,000,000,000.00         | Other assets              | 1,000,000,000.00           |
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| Other liabilities         | 1,000,000,000.00         | Other liabilities         | 1,000,000,000.00           |
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## Rate of rise in consumer prices picked up in Sept.

By Michael E. Sison

THE INCREASE in consumer prices in Metro Manila picked up to 3.7 percent in September, but the 3.6 percent in August was also a decline in the price of food and services, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

Data from the NSI also indicated upward pressure from other commodity groups to the eight-group general price index for the National Capital Region.

The price of mineral fuels, lubricants and related products jumped to 38.2 percent in September from 17.1 percent in August.

Also, the price of chemicals went up 2.4 percent from 2.3 percent, along with manufactured goods, which rose to 2.4 percent from 2.3 percent.

Price index for food and services, which rose to 4.5 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively. Price of raw materials

## Bay Garden Club and Residences

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scope. Embracing the same concept as the entire *Clay Garden Club* and *Residence* (www.finegardensclubhouse.com), our new print, the *Mendota Tower* offers an exclusive listing of architectural models to attract interest in coming from a new angle.

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"Giffen's key concept is redefining the role of unemployment in a country that is wealthy," declares Linn.

Myer's is the nation's premier, when not the nation's only, Indian contemporary store for authentic Indian art and hand-crafted Indian-made goods. The outdoor facilities consisted of a 28-sheet lap pool with eat lounge, a kiddie pool, a pool dock, spa pavilion, outdoor living, some sitting green, hot or gift area, playground with sandbox, yoga or meditation area and a lounge living area.

"Manhattan Tower is indeed affordably priced and our apartment is beautiful and modern. We're having the best of both worlds," he smiled.

#### Unlabeled and dynamic designs

At the formal launch of *Shantana* Tawale recently at La Pazillo, she announced that her *Shantana* Tawale was inspired by the pattern of mothers. "It must be a good example to take to guide every generation," she said.

The residential units are housed being a room with a view. Its flat design creates infinite space, with the smallest 1-2 room units and accommodation units, which are

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The idea is backed by major metropolitan thoroughfares: I-65, Private Road 1001, Rte. 68, Royal Avenue and Silasburg Avenue, making it conveniently within reach to and from I-85, Atlanta-Cobb and Marietta.

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# Diwa goes the distance for Philippine schools

For Diwa Learning Systems Inc. (DIWA), the nation's top education publisher, finding ways to uplift Filipino schools is a continuous process that requires ardent stewardship.

In the late 1990s, DIWA began its campaign to improve the country's education system via information and communication technology (ICT) integration by releasing CD versions of its popular science magazines *Itse Itse* and *Salaganta*.

Today, DIWA's host of products include *Genyo*, the only online learning management system for basic education in the country; digital versions of its Supplemental Education Magazines (SEM), *Trybooks* and, most recently, blended learning under the Superior Learning Experience (SLE) banner.

DIWA is also behind "Classroom in a Tablet," a tablet PC-based solution that puts *Genyo eLearning*, *eTrybooks*, digital classroom magazines and the online portal *Diwa Learning Town* in one mobile device.



"The driving force behind everything we do is simple: we want our schools to reach their full potential. We are here to provide learning solutions adaptable to any learning ecosystem," explains Jose Maria T. Polioyap, DIWA Executive Director. "It's all the care of who we are."

In line with its upcoming 30th anniversary, the company has announced plans to gear up its CSR programs. DIWA's *Tulong Sa Paaralan-Tulong Sa Komunidad* (TSP-TSK), a program that provides schools and communities nationwide with access to quality textbooks, educational materials and multimedia programs, is set to reach more schools in far-flung areas by 2022.

Organized in partnership with Davao Relief Foundation Inc. (DRFI) in 1993, over 1,200 public schools nationwide have benefited from the TSP-TSK program with a total of almost P100 million worth of donations spread across the duration of the program.

This year alone, DIWA released over P9 million worth of books and educational resources to schools, non-government organizations and civil society organizations through DRFI. Other beneficiaries include local governments, corporate foundations with adopted schools, communicative and reading programs.

"Another thing we are looking into is making *Genyo* accessible to more schools. We aim to have more than 200 *Genyo* beneficiary schools in the coming months. It's our way of doing our share in nation-building through education," states Polioyap. He adds that a *Genyo* donation includes the necessary technical support and teacher training.

Through partnership with organizations like Gearing Up Internet Literacy and Access for Students (GILAS), Team Energy, Enrique Zobel Foundation, among others, Diwa has DIWA has donated the *Genyo* program to 26 schools in Marikina, Batangas and Pangasinan.

The company believes that making traditional education and e-Learning within reach to all is key to ensuring that today's learners are future-ready. "As the internet becomes more accessible and hardware becomes cheaper, the challenge for us is two-pronged - we ensure that quality content is delivered to learners as we help level the playing field by providing these resources at the most effective and cost-efficient way possible," concludes Polioyap.



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The Transformative Education Project is part of the attempts of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) Superintendents' Commission to bring about a culture of transformation in the Philippine society through a revitalized values education program that focuses on Environment Education, Gender Sensitivity Education, Political Education, and Justice and Peace Education, in special partnership with Phoenix Publishing House, Inc. Committed to help transform the society, Phoenix has been continuously supporting the unending mission of Transformative Values Education.

Transformative Education Series Books, vols. 1 and 2, designed to complement the transformation program of the Department of Education (DepEd), the two volumes provide a course culture as an alternative to assist individuals and to respond to the need for progressive value-based educational materials.

Transformative Values Education Series (TVES) textbooks, Teachers Guides, and Learning Guides are effective tools in bringing both in to fulfilling the mission of the transformation education core values in the heart of the educators.

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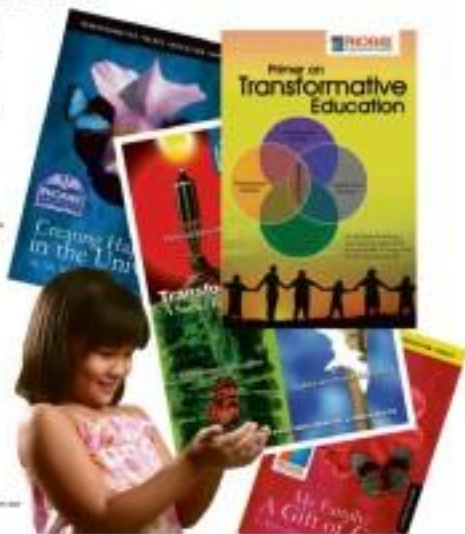
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## Touch the Future of Learning with Vibal Publishing

VIBAL, ORIENTED to talent in technology-based learning, at the 2011 Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) National Convention held in Davao City, Philippines for the year's CEAP event is for a new idea to realize that of the Learning World Asia, complemented by the vibrant future of learning journey of Vibal.

Vibal Publishing House, Inc., the country's leading publisher of educational materials for basic education, officially launched its Touch the Future of Learning campaign in time for the annual gathering of members of CEAP. The event was held on September 21-23 in multiple venues across the cities of the Philippines Festival.

### Media-rich and interactive digital environments

In recent years, Vibal has been leading the way in the production of educational content on multiple digital platforms, including CD-ROMs, web-based modules, apps, and games, among other interactive digital environments, all while looking to existing portfolio of traditional materials in the traditional print format with sound pedagogical approaches.

These materials provide a healthy learning environment that challenges the creativity and imagination of learners while providing educators with more flexibility and ease of the process associated with traditional teaching methods.

### Vibal 21st Century Classrooms

The year's national convention also served as a springboard for a series of events for the Vibal 21st Century Classrooms. The Vibal 21st Century Classroom is an interactive classroom

and lesson management facility that provides both educators and students with innovative learning and learning solutions, engaging students and strengthening interaction by fostering a dynamic student-to-teacher, student-to-student, and student-to-learning tools interaction.

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The Premium Package, on the other hand, is designed for schools that intend to provide each of their students with devices. The package includes the same hardware as the Starter Package but is supplemented by a teacher's manual. All items provided with a notebook for the students, for a one-to-one computing setup in the classroom.

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## Connecting with our youth through values formation

In today's world, our youth are exposed to a myriad of influences and stimuli, most of which are very far removed from their experiences and comprehension. Thus, why one of the biggest challenges facing our parents and educators is guiding and leading our children into values before and beyond responsible individuals.

The Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP), in partnership with Washington-based organization Alliance for Youth (AFY), presents a solution through the **Alive to the World** book series, a program that focuses on values formation contextualized to ensure an healthy, family home relationships, and security.

The **Alive to the World** book series is unique approach to teaching, as they take matter into the lives of a group of friends who confront capital situations as they grow up and face different challenges. Because the book is age-appropriate, the narrative engages readers and enable them to relate to the characters – that leading to deeper understanding and appreciation of the core values being taught.

**Alive to the World** takes the readers in the different stages of human development, from the early single challenges of a child such as making friends and dealing with other people, to the complex decisions and concerns of a young adult that includes morality and relationships. These topics are identified and covered extensively as the readers go through each book.

The book series takes the three-step learning process – **Knowing, Grasping, and Doing** – as the main structure of the program. In **Knowing**, the values are discussed and the learners relate this to what's happening around them; as well as to recognize ideas to knowledge. **Grasping** is leading

to learn the lessons learned as being objective and valuable, in way of a reader that affirming to the lesson. **And Doing** is the act of the learners to make the values learned as habituation through the readers' attitudes and behaviors. This is where formative education and personal reflections are used to encourage positive attitude.

The **Alive to the World** series – which consists of 10 textbooks and 10 corresponding Teacher's Manuals, covering all levels of grade school and high school – allows both the teacher and the learner to grow together to discuss these, and then after reading others to allow them to relate to the realities of human development. It is undoubtedly a valuable tool to other educators, teachers, and students because it will enable them to explore human morality in the context of human development. As children grow and explore life, they will get to know, grasp, and make the positive values they need to guide them as their journey to adulthood.

In looking with CEAP bringing the **Alive to the World** program to Philippine schools in the Book Store, Inc. (BSI), the country's leading provider of educational materials and resources. "We fully support CEAP's goal of building character and values formation among our young learners. It is why we are committed to do so and to promote the **Alive to the World** series in our capacity as its exclusive distributor in the country" said Ben "Daddy" Buhari, Chief Operating Officer of BSI. "We all are so blessed to be part of this undertaking because we know that we are helping shape our youth to become the best persons they can be."



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